

STROUD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health, 1943.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with Circulars 2773 and 10/44 the Report for 1943 deals only with essential and urgent matters affecting the Public Health.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. Scarlet Fever was especially prevalent in the latter part of the year, 131 cases being notified as compared with 37 in 1942. An explosion outbreak of 17 cases amongst the children of an elementary school was traced to the milk supplied to the school and appropriate action was taken.

DIPHTHERIA. Four cases were notified, 3 adults and one child, but all proved not to be Diphtheria after admission to hospital. The Scheme for free immunisation has been continued, it being estimated that 86% of children aged 1-15 years had received treatment at the end of the year.

CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER. No notifications were received.

TUBERCULOSIS. Twenty two new cases were notified, as compared with 26 in 1942, 26 in 1941, 16 in 1940, and a yearly average of 12 for the previous ten years.

WATER SUPPLY. The water supplied by the Stroud Water Board maintains its high quality and is tested regularly. In a few outlying parts of the district wells and springs have to be relied upon, but the main is gradually being taken to the whole area.

STATISTICS.

BIRTH RATE. 14.1 per 1,000, as compared with 13.8 per 1,000 last year.

DEATH RATE. 11.8 per 1,000 as compared with 11.6 per 1,000 last year.

INFANTILE MORTALITY 39 per 1,000 as compared with 26 per 1,000 last year.

TUBERCULOSIS (all forms) 560 per million as compared with 428, 577, 822 and 345 per million in 1942, 1941, 1940 and 1939 respectively.

I have the honour to be,
Your Obedient Servant,

Nicholas Dunscombe.

Medical Officer of Health.

